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As far as "expert" testimony goes: you may or may not be aware, but Dr. Perry subsequently regretted his statement AND recanted it. He had not examined the President's body, and had no idea there was a wound in the upper back. The shirt collar made the exit wound in the throat neater than it otherwise might have been, and not being an expert in such matters, he assumed it was an entrance wound. And he only said as much after being pressed mercilessly by newsmen for an instant explanation as to what had happened. If you read the press conference transcript carefully, you will see this to be true. He did not want to offer an opinion, but they would not leave him alone. And as far as his opinion about John Connally's wounds, I don't know if that "prominent researcher" is reliable, but even if he or she is, since Dr. Perry did not treat Connally his opinions are hardly first-hand.

While I am willing to discuss these matters with you, I find it disturbing that you would cite Dr. Perry's initial press conference statement but fail to take into account his later recantation. I don't want to question your motive, but surely you cannot in good conscience select only those statements that fit a preferred conclusion.

Cordially,



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